

REMARKS

Claims 14-15 and 18-29 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 16-17, and 30-32 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-13, 16-17, and 30-32 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 15 contains allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 1 is intended to include all of the limitations of claim 15, as well as the base claims and any intervening claims. In addition, claim 1 has been amended in a manner that is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. It is therefore believed that claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 31 recites a system for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 31 is also allowable.

Claim 32 recites program code for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 32 is also allowable.

Claims 2-13 and 16-17 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claim 31 depends from claim 30 and is believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The claim of priority to provisional patent applications 60/143,821 and 60/151,531 is believed to be proper for the reasons set forth in Amendment A mailed August 3, 2004.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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